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ISSUE OF LICENCES TO PRIVATE PARTIES FOR ILDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private parties which have been issued licences for starting International long Distance Service (ILDS) as on March 31, 2002;

(b) whether any guidelines have been framed for issuing licences;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had fixed tariff rates for ILDS; and

(e) if so, t he details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) The number of private companies holding International Long Distance Service lincence as on 31st March, 2002 is four.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The details are at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) prescribes ceiling tariffs rates for ILDS, the details are at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

DETAILS OF ILD GUIDELINES

- The ILD Service was opened to private sector with effect from 15.01.2002.

- All Indian registered companies having a networth of Rs.25 Crores are eligible to apply.

- The foreign equity of the applicant company should not exceed the sectoral cap of 49 %.

- The applicant company is required to pay Rs.50,000/- as processing fee along with the application.

- The entry fee is Rs.25 Crores to be submitted before signing licence agreement along with Bank Guarantees of Rs.25 Crores.

- There is no restriction on number of operators.

- The licence is valid for 20 years from the date of licence agreement.

Annexure-II

Pulse Rate for ceiling tariffs for International Subscriber Dialed Calls	Categorisation of various countries for the purpose of charging	From 1st April, 2002 (Seconds)
	SAARC and other Neighboring Countries	3.3

Countries in Africa, Europe, Gulf, Asia and Oceania	2.3
Countries in American Continent and other Places in Western Hemisphere	1.8